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PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. ASCENDING INTO THE TERRIFYING FORM OF RED ONSLAUGHT, HE INITIATED HIS WAR, BROADCASTING HIS INFLUENCE ACROSS THE PLANET. DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO THIS “WORLD WAR HATE,” A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE SKULL AT HIS PRISON CAMP ON THE ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD’S FIERCEST VILLAINS.



COMPLETELY OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A DESPERATE LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME THE RED ONSLAUGHT: SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM USED THEIR MAGICAL ABILITIES TO ATTEMPT TO SUBVERT THE RED SKULL’S CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING XAVIER TO THE FORE. BLANKETING GENOSHA IN THEIR SPELL, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS EMERGED ON THE OTHER SIDE TO FIND THE RED SKULL DORMANT. BUT WHILE THE X-MEN WANTED TO REVIVE THE SKULL, HOPING TO BE REUNITED WITH XAVIER, THE AVENGERS INSISTED ON TAKING HIM INTO CUSTODY AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. WITH THE ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS REKINDLED ONCE MORE, THE AVENGERS AND X-MEN BITTERLY PARTED WAYS...

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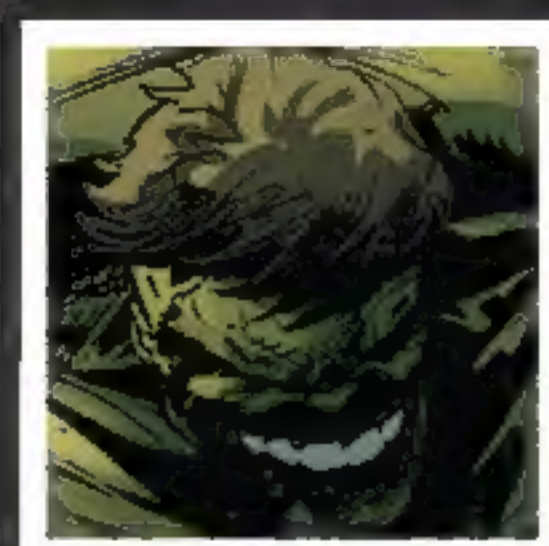
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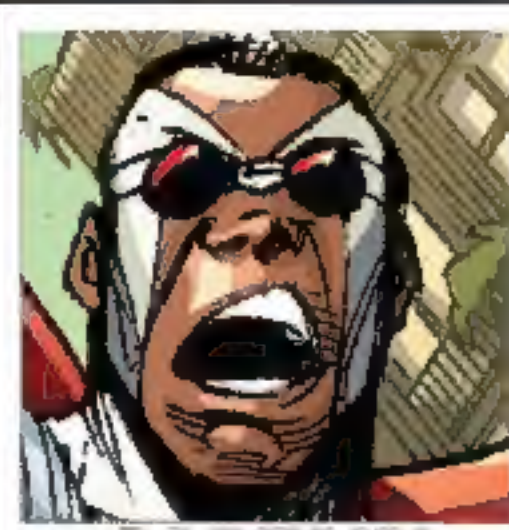
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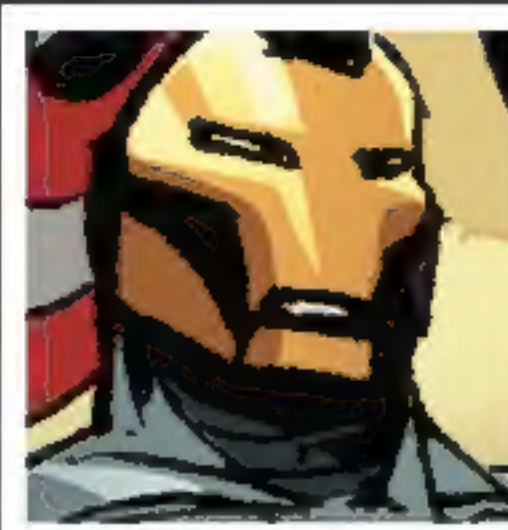
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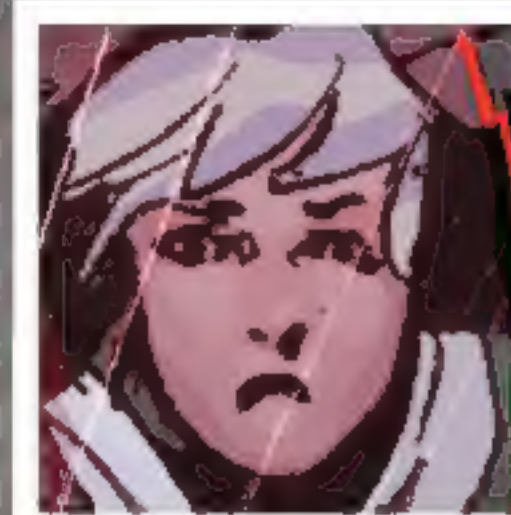
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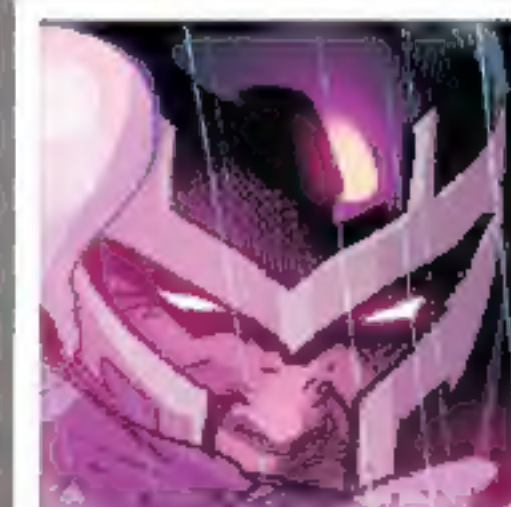
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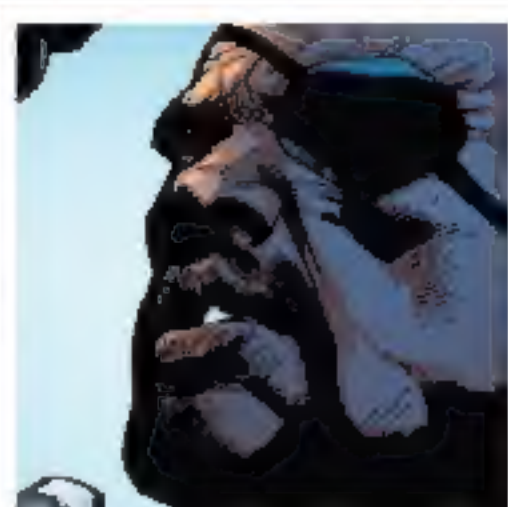


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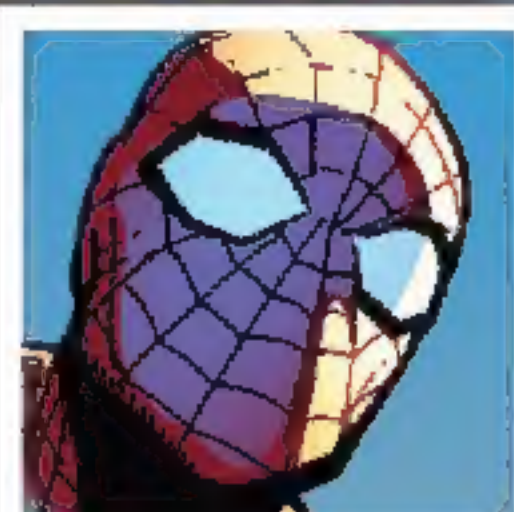


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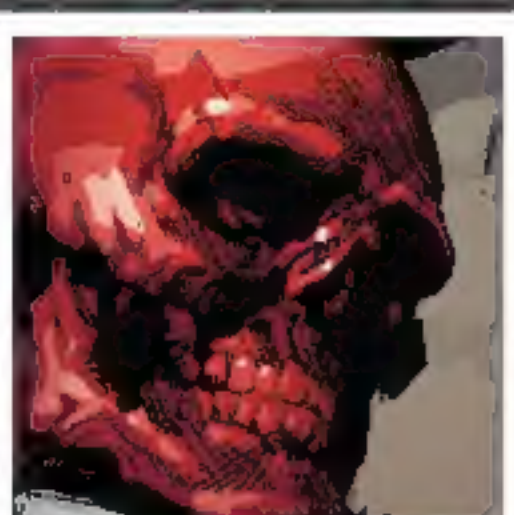


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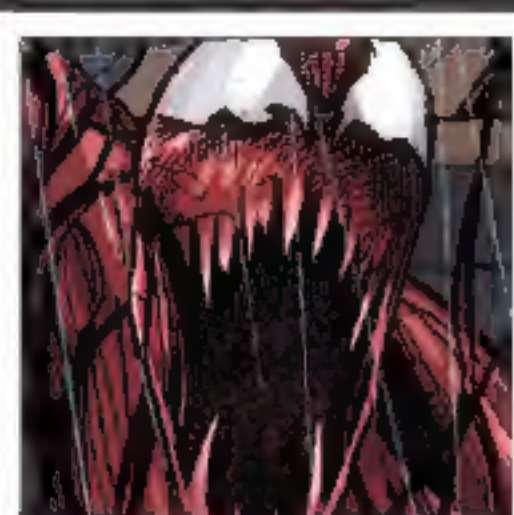
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RED SKULL

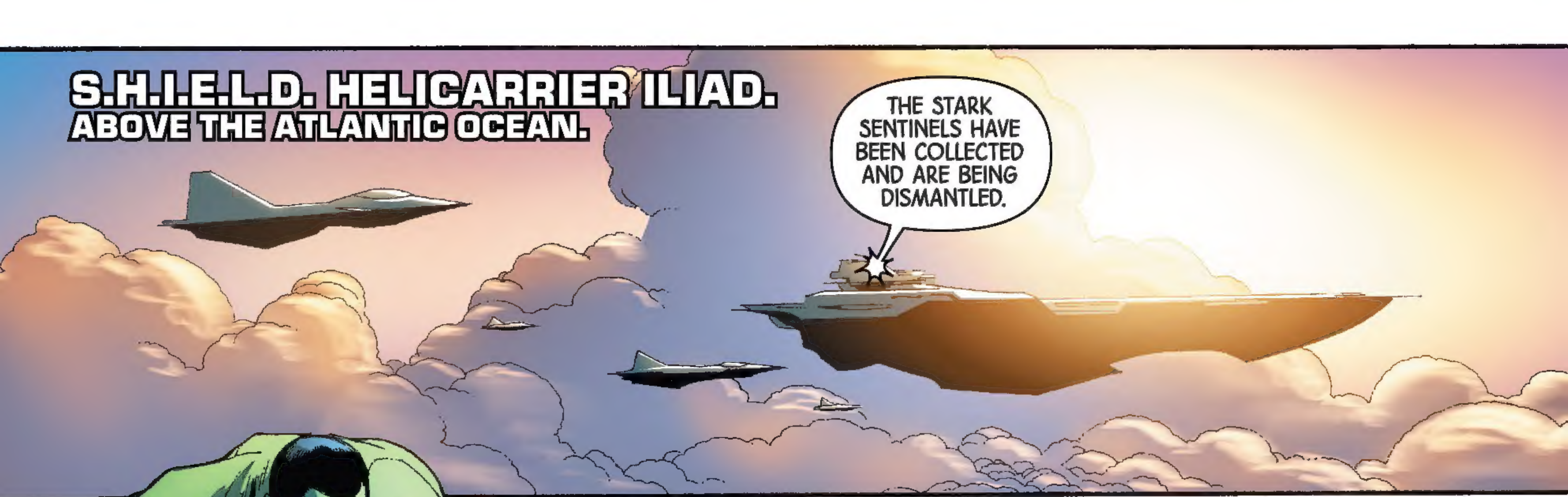


THE SQUID



CARNAGE

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER ILIAD.
ABOVE THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.



THE STARK SENTINELS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED AND ARE BEING DISMANTLED.



SKULL'S CAMPS IN GENOSHA HAVE BEEN TORN DOWN.

ALL OF HIS PRISONERS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED, TAKEN TO HOSPITALS OR RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES.

WE'RE OFFERING TRAUMA SUPPORT TO ANY WHO REQUEST IT.

WORLD WAR HATE HAS BEEN NEUTRALIZED.

YEP.



NOW THE HEALING, OR SO THE CLICHE GOES.

CAP, THIS IS ONE OF THE **UGLIEST** THINGS WE'VE ENCOUNTERED GOING BACK AS FAR AS I CAN REMEMBER.

BUT YOU **DID** IT.



AND NOW IT'S TIME TO HAND THE RED SKULL OVER.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY APPRECIATES WHAT THE AVENGERS DID, BUT NO ONE IS COMFORTABLE WITH LEAVING THE RED SKULL IN YOUR CARE.

NICE AND SUBTLE APPROACH TO THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM, MARIA.



WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR **SUBTLE**, FURY.

THIS "ELEPHANT" HAS THE **UNGODLY** PSYCHIC POWERS OF CHARLES XAVIER.

WE'VE BUILT A SPECIAL CONTAINMENT FACILITY TO DEAL WITH HIM.

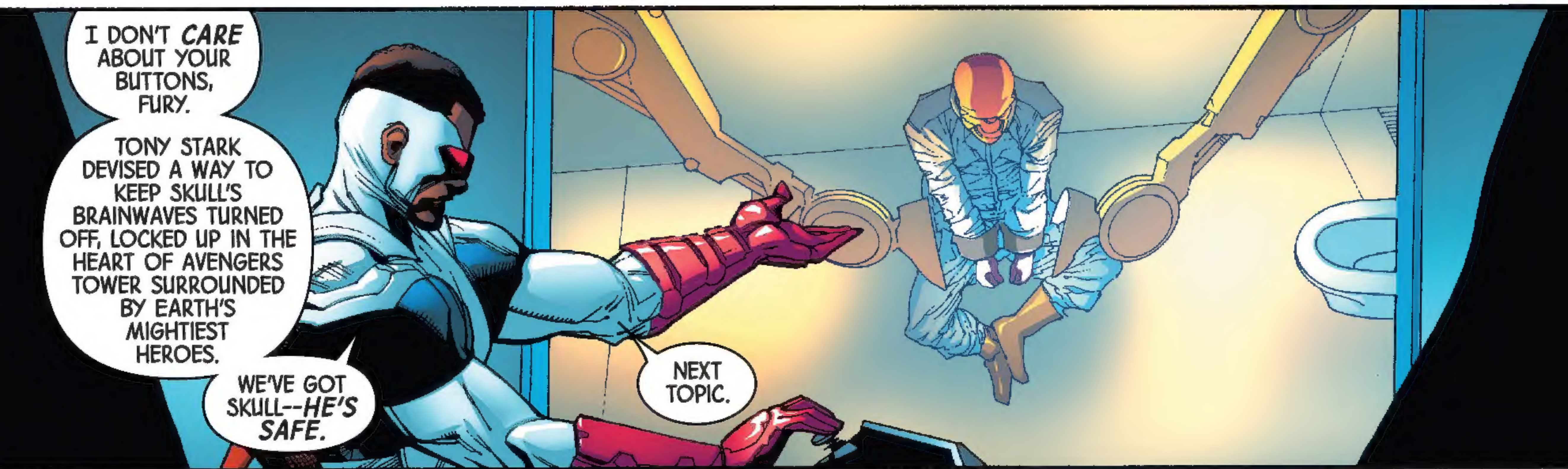


YOU'RE RIGHT, DIRECTOR HILL--RED SKULL'S THE MOST POWERFUL, MOST DERANGED MONSTER WE'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.

ALL THE MORE REASON HE'LL STAY IN AVENGERS TOWER AND NOT IN SOME RINKY-DINK S.H.I.E.L.D. PRISON.

RINKY-DINK?

ARE YOU TRYING TO PUSH MY BUTTONS, WILSON?



I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR BUTTONS, FURY.

TONY STARK DEvised A WAY TO KEEP SKULL'S BRAINWAVES TURNED OFF, LOCKED UP IN THE HEART OF AVENGERS TOWER SURROUNDED BY EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES.

WE'VE GOT SKULL--HE'S SAFE.

NEXT TOPIC.



TONY STARK? THE SAME TONY STARK WHO BUILT THE SKULL'S SENTINELS?

THE SAME TONY STARK WHO HASN'T BEEN SEEN FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS?

GOT TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, SAM, A PRISONER OF WAR BEING HELD BY A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION...



THIS JUST ISN'T HOW THINGS ARE DONE.

MAYBE THEM RIGHT, CAP.

MAYBE IT BETTER IF WE HAND HIM OVER--

I'VE MADE MY DECISION.



AND I DIDN'T INVITE DISCUSSION.



LOOK, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT AND EVERYBODY'S NERVES ARE A BIT... **FRAYED.**

BUT THIS **ATTITUDE...**LET'S JUST ALL GO BACK TO ZERO, OKAY?

LET ME MAKE SOMETHING **PERFECTLY CLEAR** TO YOU, FURY.



I DON'T WORK FOR YOU.

YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, SAM.

COMPORT YOURSELF IN A MANNER BEFITTING YOUR STATION--



MY STATION?!

TWOCK



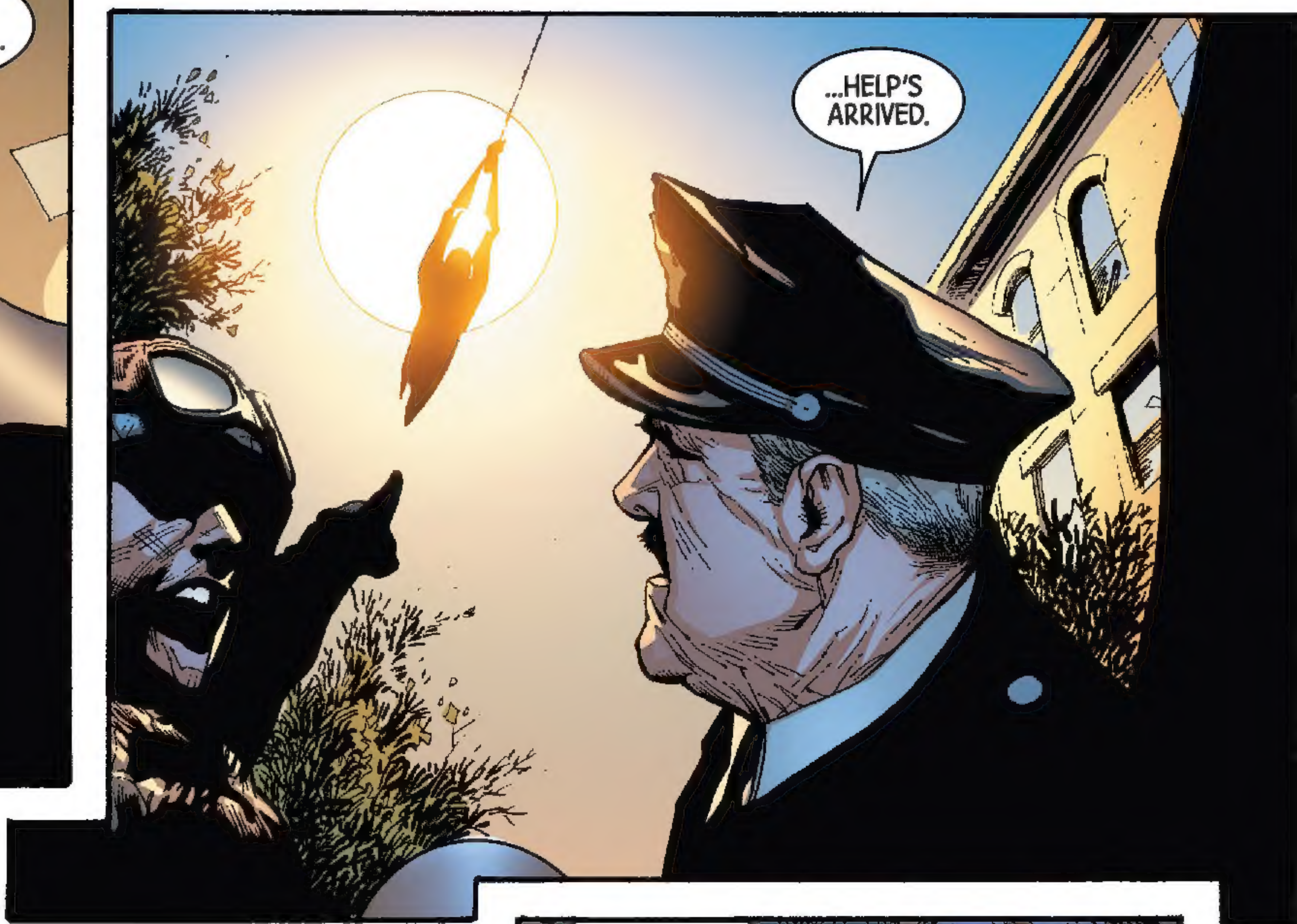
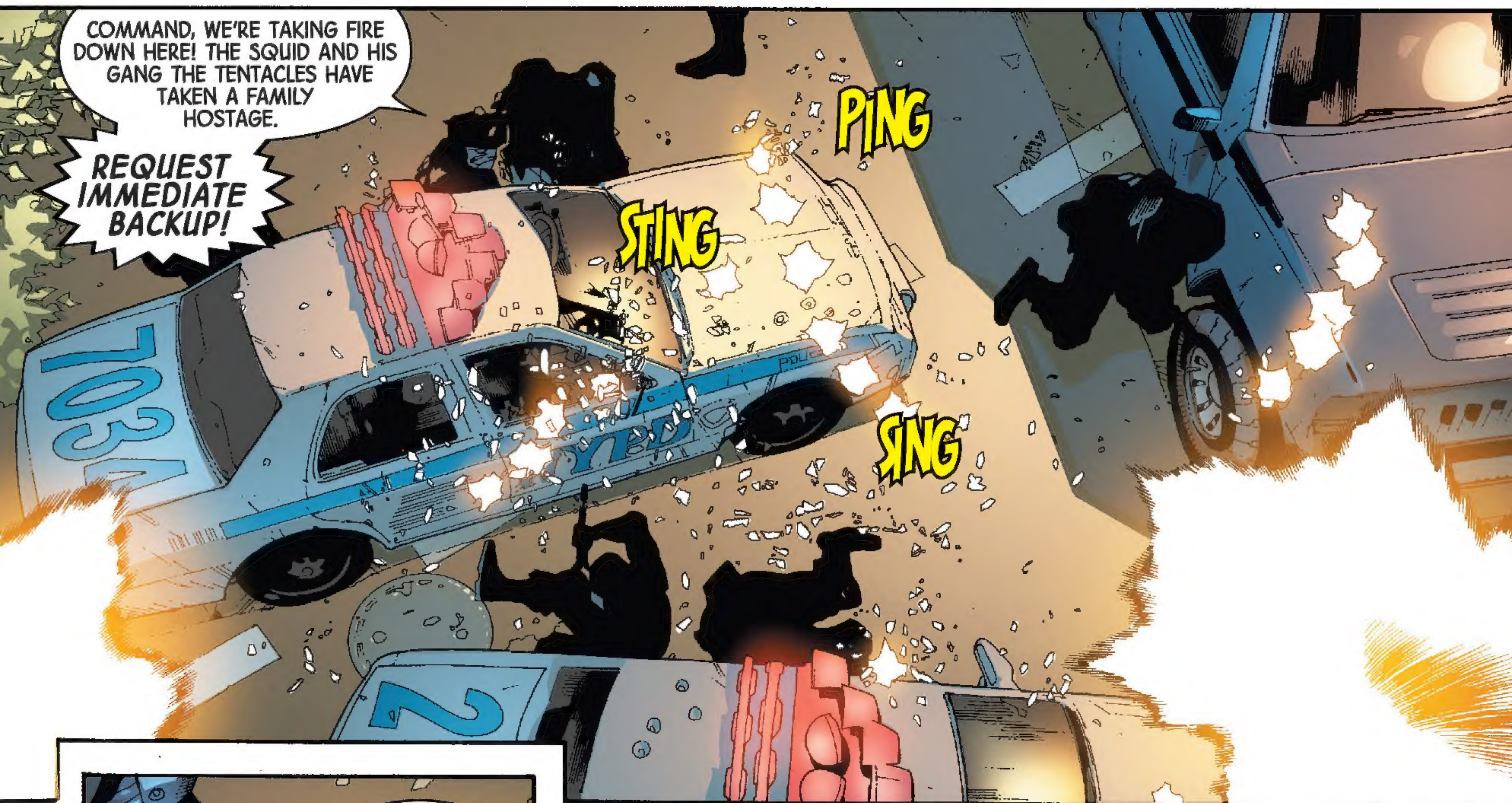
YOU'VE GOT ME MIXED UP WITH STEVE.



I'M NOT THAT CAPTAIN AMERICA.

C'MON, HULK--WE'RE DONE HERE.







SOUNDS LIKE
A JOB FOR "CARNAGE
FAMILY PROTECTIVE
SERVICES"!

CRASH



GHA--!

LORD KNOWS
I COULD HAVE
USED A PAL LIKE
ME GROWIN'
UP.
PA WAS
SOMETHING
OF A
DRINKER,
Y'SEE.

WUMP



YOU TRYING
TO STEAL MY TAKE,
KASADY?!

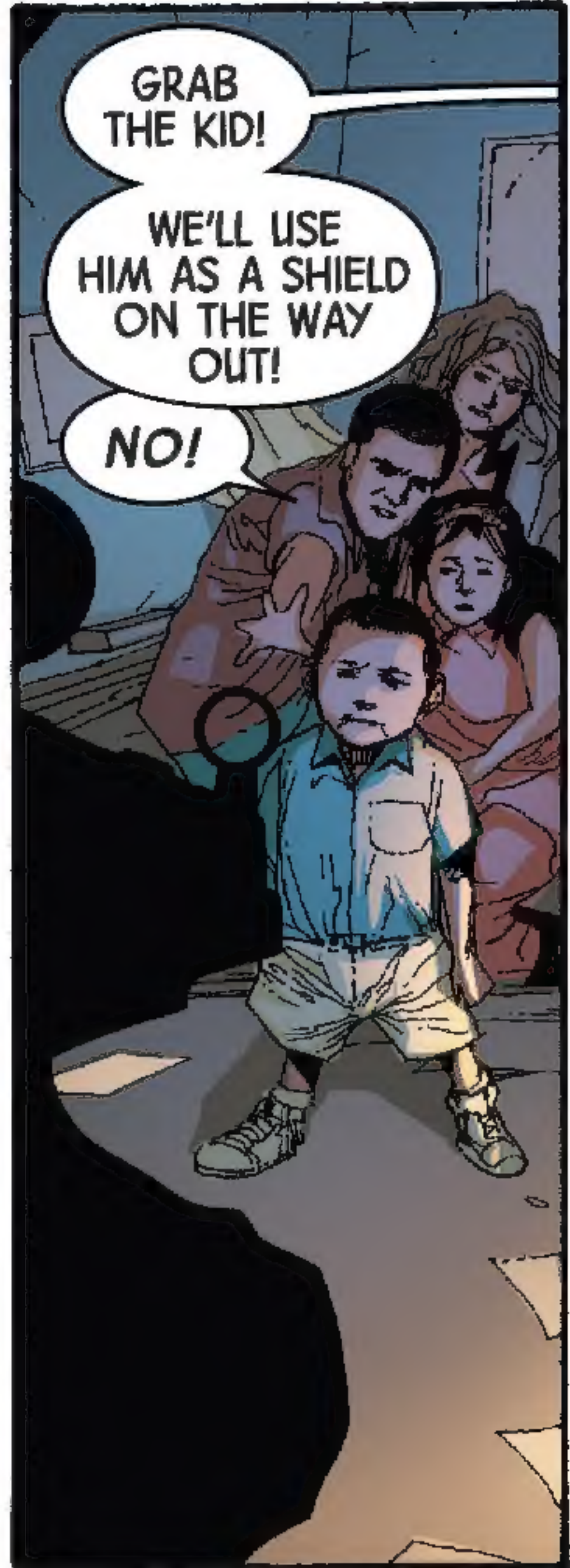
WELL, YOU'RE
TRYING TO PULL ONE
ON THE WRONG DUDE--
**THE SQUID
DON'T ROLL
OVER!**



THAT'S MORE
OF A DOG TRICK
ANYW--



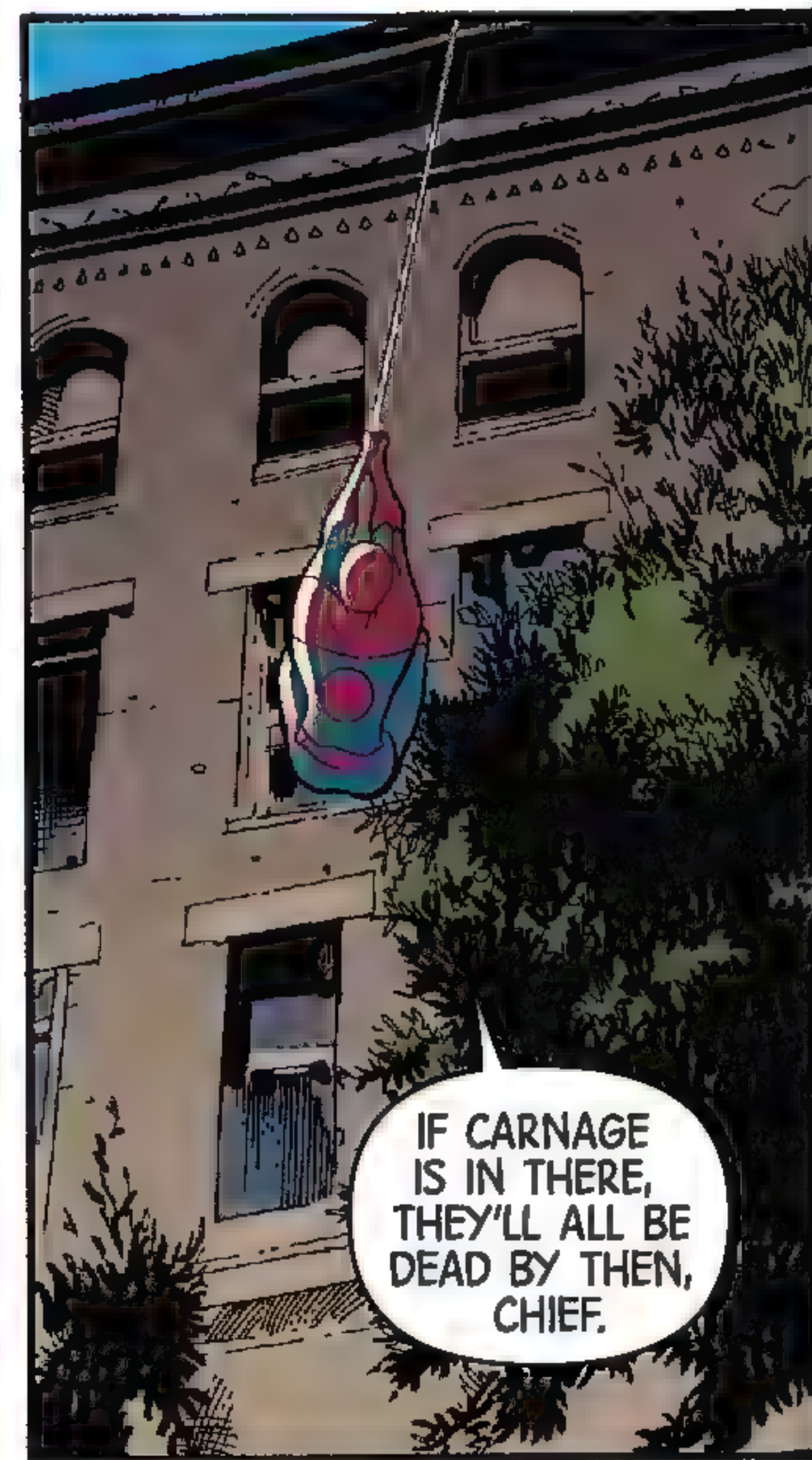
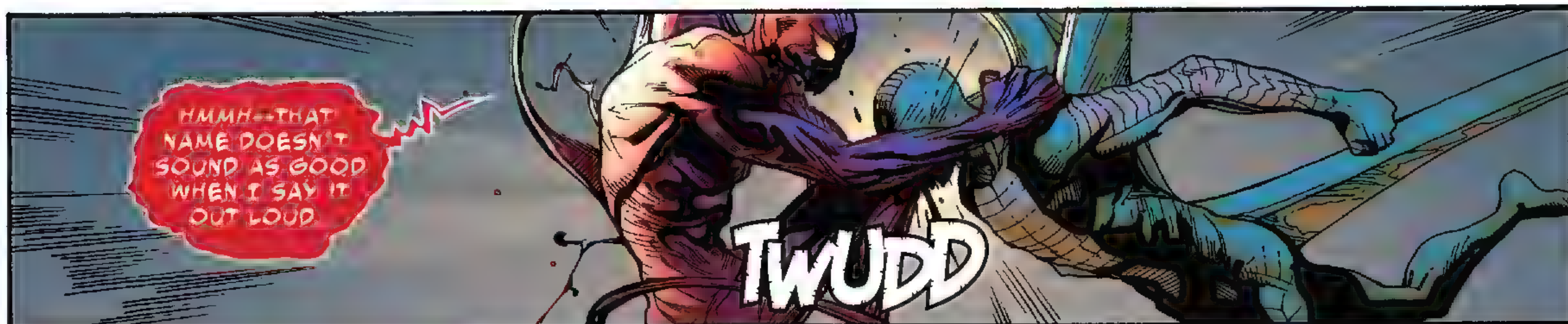
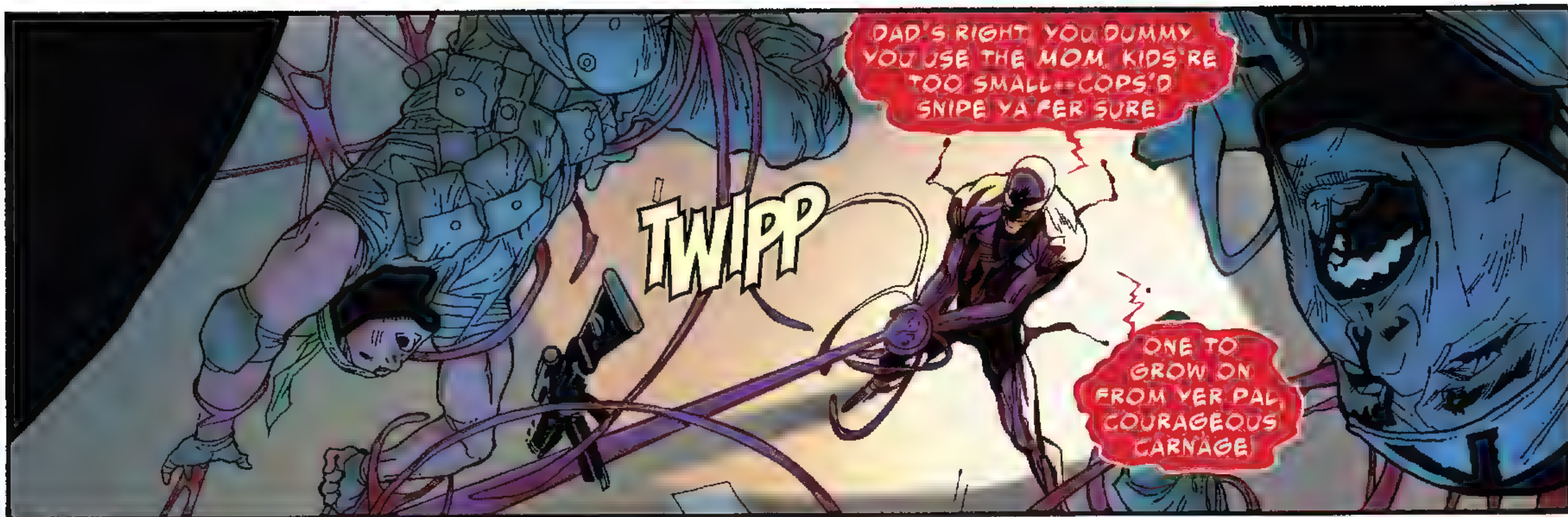
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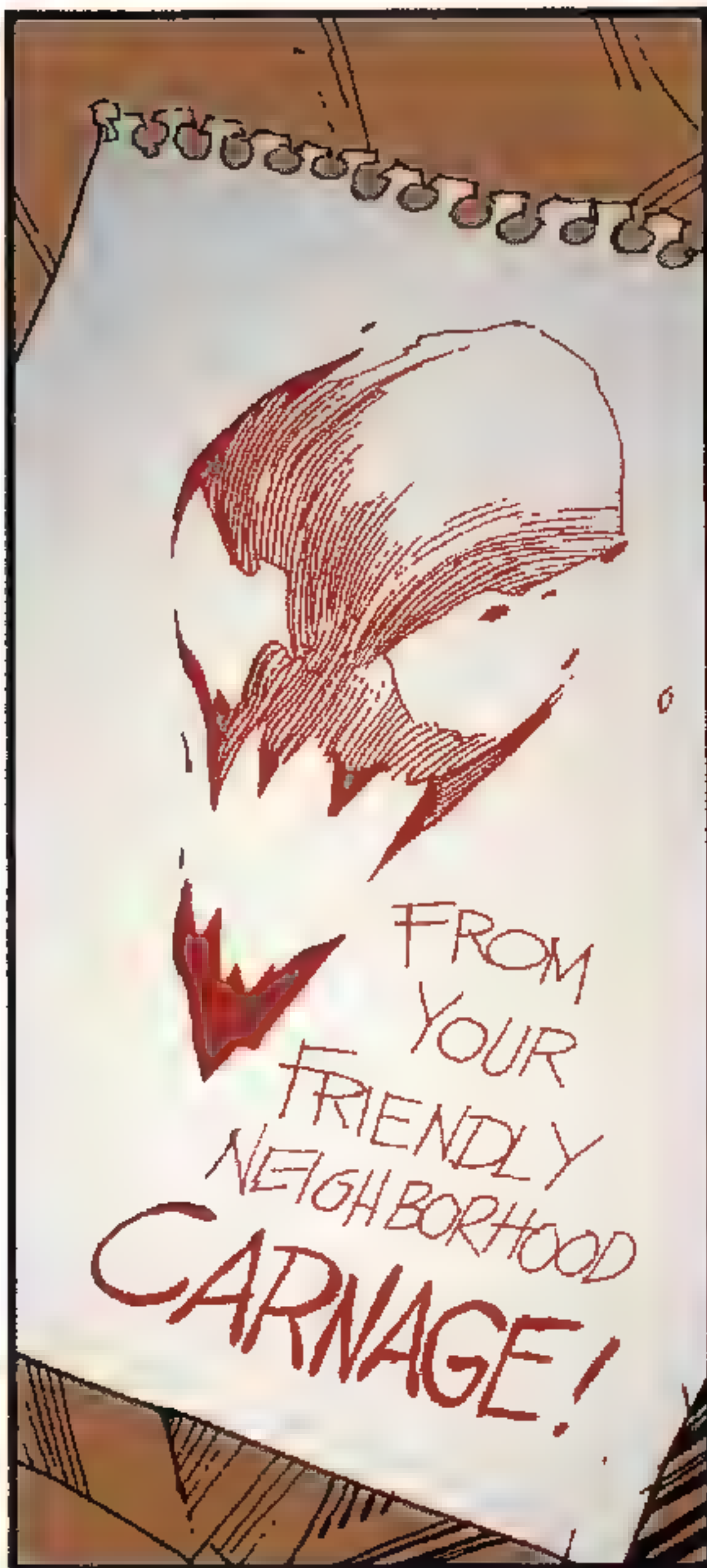
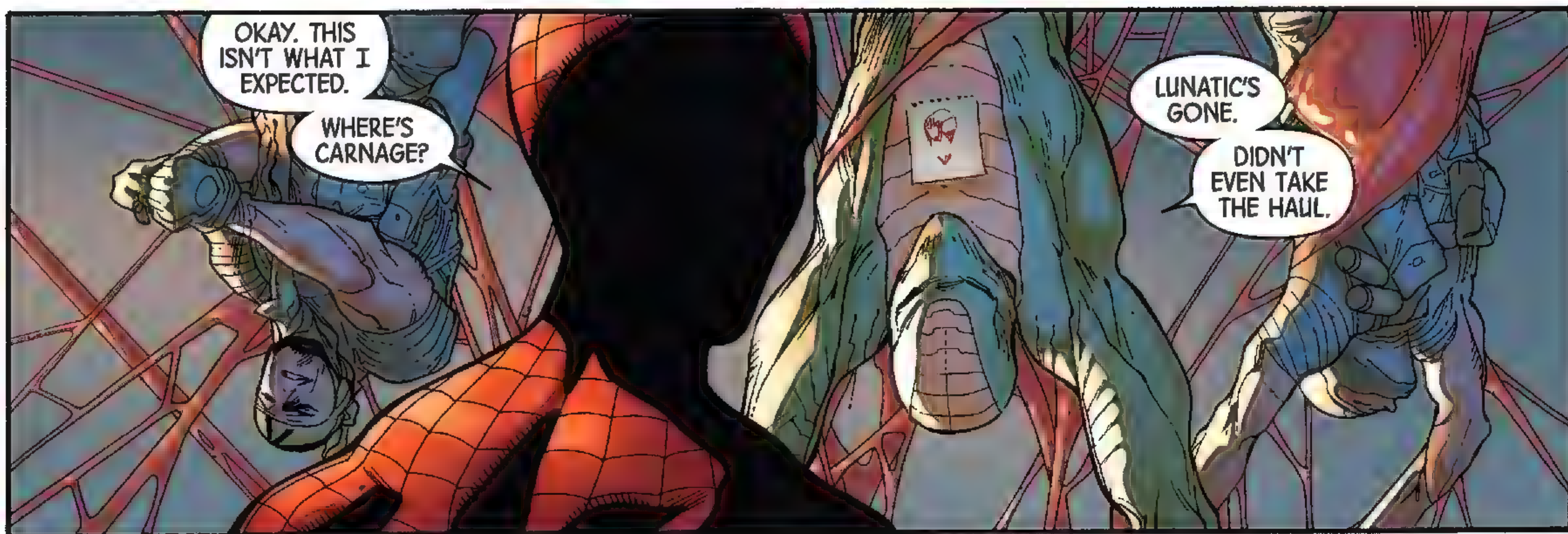
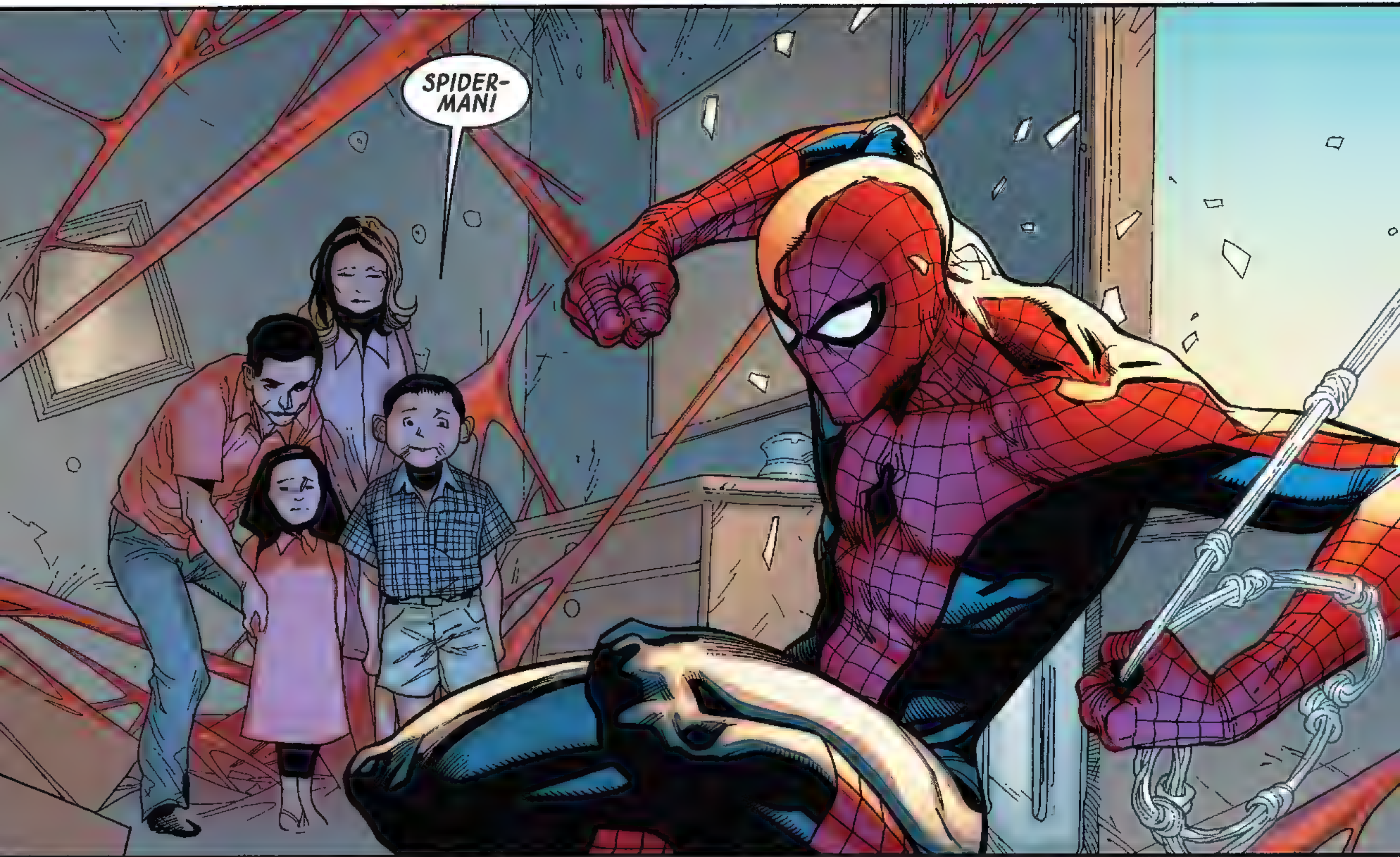


GRAB
THE KID!

WE'LL USE
HIM AS A SHIELD
ON THE WAY
OUT!

NO!





"...IT'S VERGING
ON COPYRIGHT
INFRINGEMENT."

SAN FRANCISCO,
GIANTS STADIUM.

AND NOW,
PLEASE RISE FOR
OUR NATIONAL
ANTHEM.

HELLO, SAN
FRANCISCO!

LET'S TAKE A
RAIN CHECK ON
THE NATIONAL
ANTHEM.

YOU'VE ALL HEARD
IT DOZENS OF TIMES--
THINGS EXPLODING,
STARS, STRIPES, FLAG
STILL THERE, ET CETERA.

HEY,
IT'S IRON
MAN!

GO,
SHELLHEAD!

YOU
RULE!

THANK YOU,
YOU'RE ALL
TOO KIND.

JUST ANOTHER
REASON SAN
FRANCISCO IS
THE BEST CITY
IN THE WORLD!

YOU'VE GOT
EVERYTHING
HERE.

HOUSE OF
NANKING, FOG,
AND FORWARD-
THINKING, TECH-
SAVVY PEOPLE.

THE KIND OF
PEOPLE WHO CAN
APPRECIATE WHAT
I'M ABOUT TO
OFFER.

NOT THAT
ETERNAL BEAUTY
NEEDS A HARD
SELL.

AND THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT
MY EXTREMIS
APP WILL GIVE
YOU.



MORE THAN JUST BEAUTY,
THE NEW EXTREMIS APP CAN
MAKE YOU INTO YOUR
IDEAL SELF.

NO MORE BEING
TRAPPED IN A BODY
YOU'RE ASHAMED OF!

DO AWAY
WITH THE SLIGHTEST
IMPERFECTION!

NEVER
AGE!

YOU CAN
BE WHOEVER
YOU WANT.

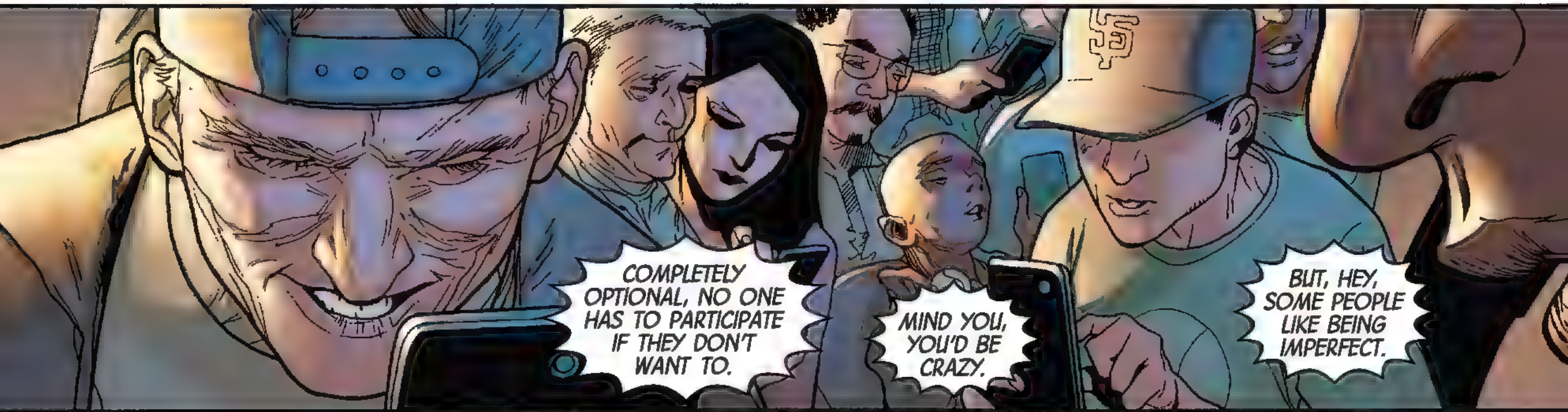
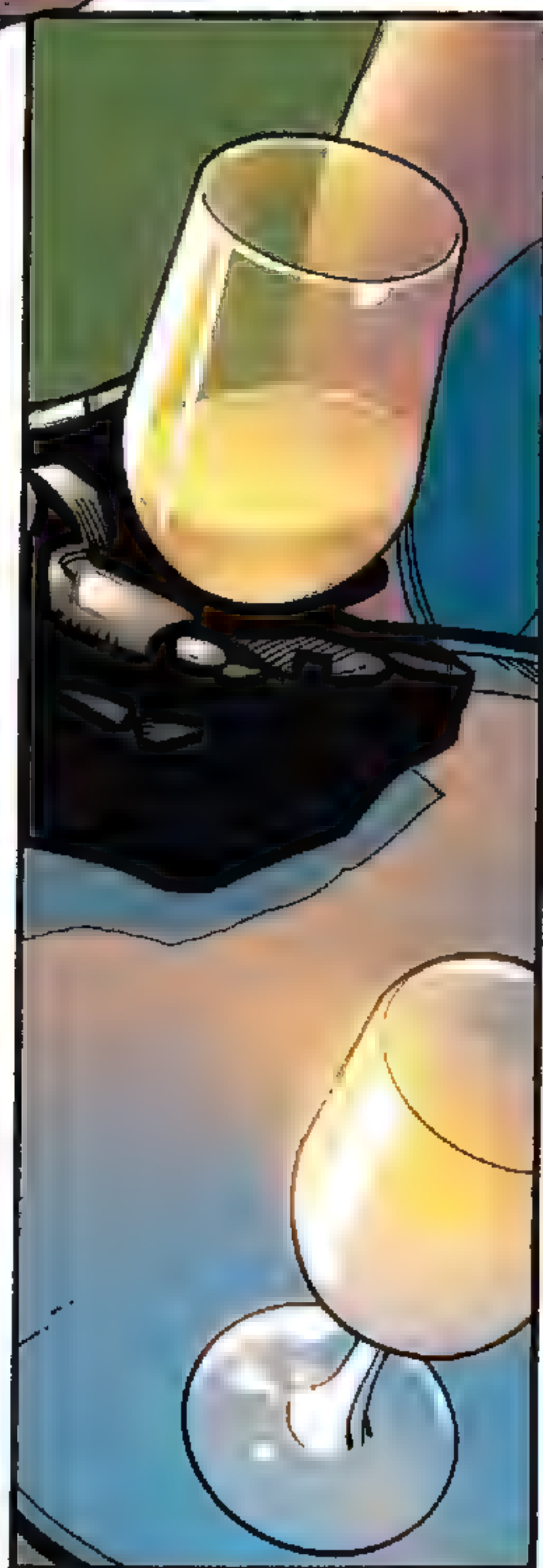
IT'S JUST
A THOUGHT
AWAY.



THIS
ISN'T A SALES
PITCH.

THE APP IS
ALREADY ON YOUR
SMART PHONES--
IT'S TOTALLY
FREE.

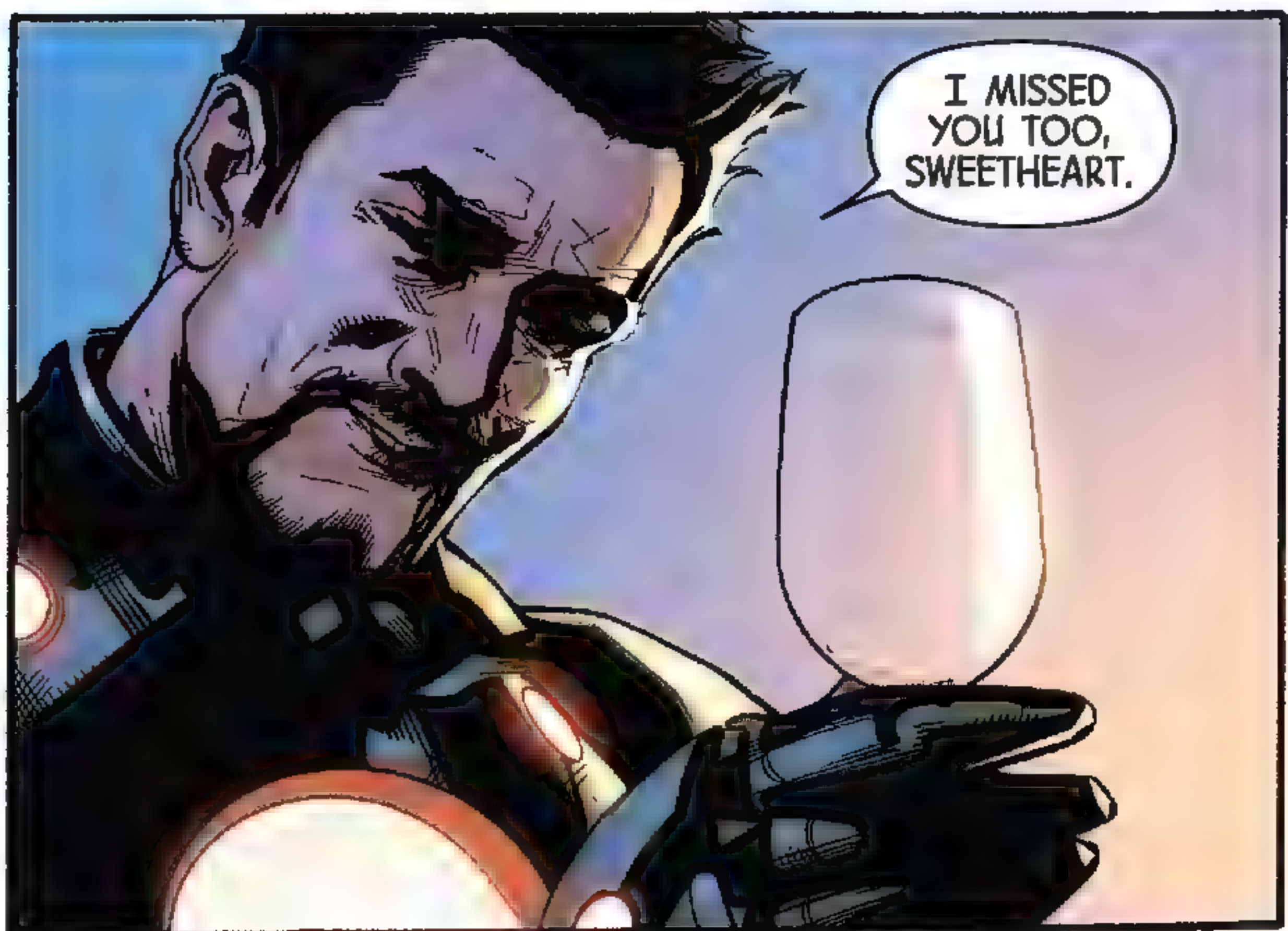
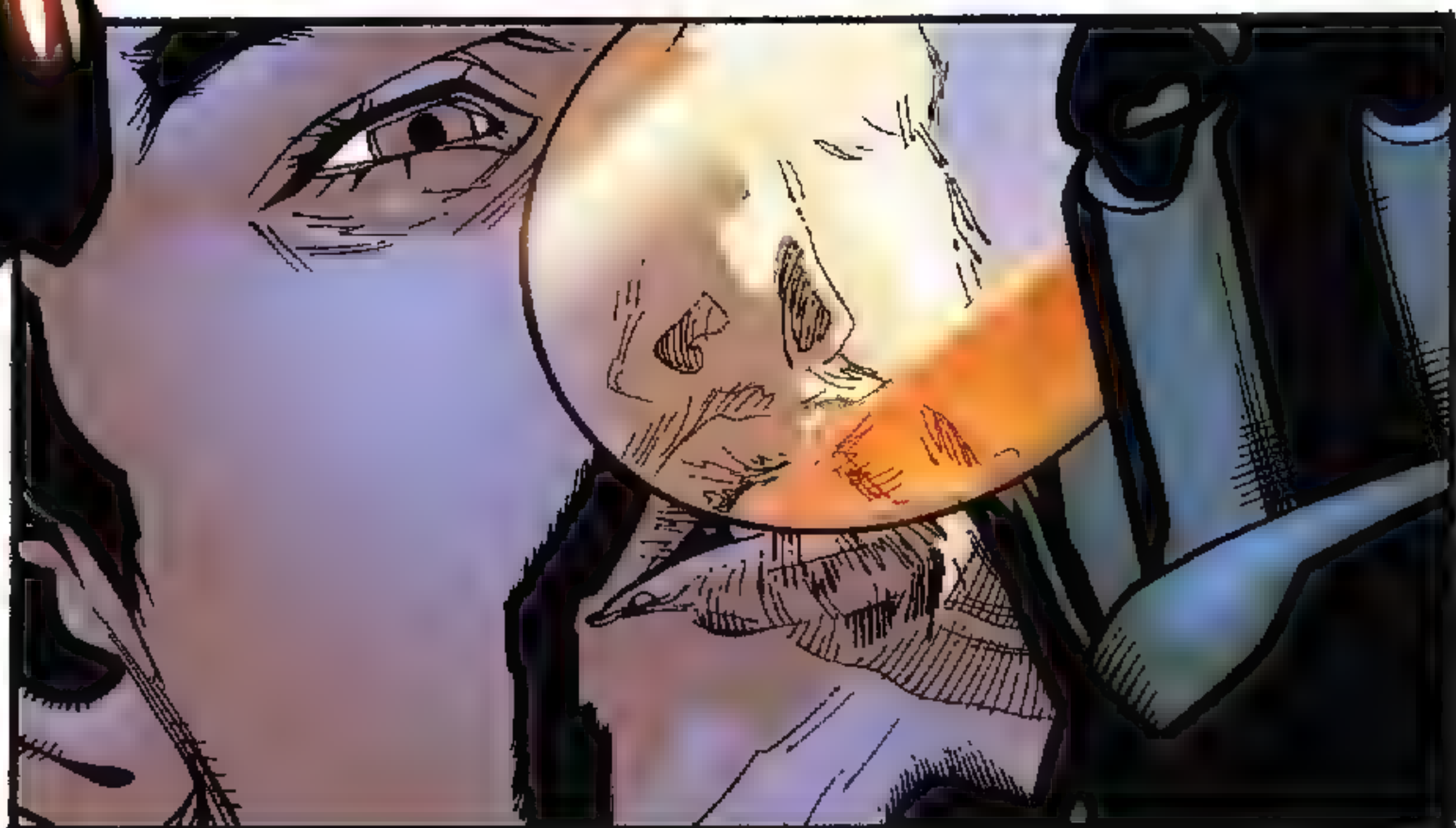
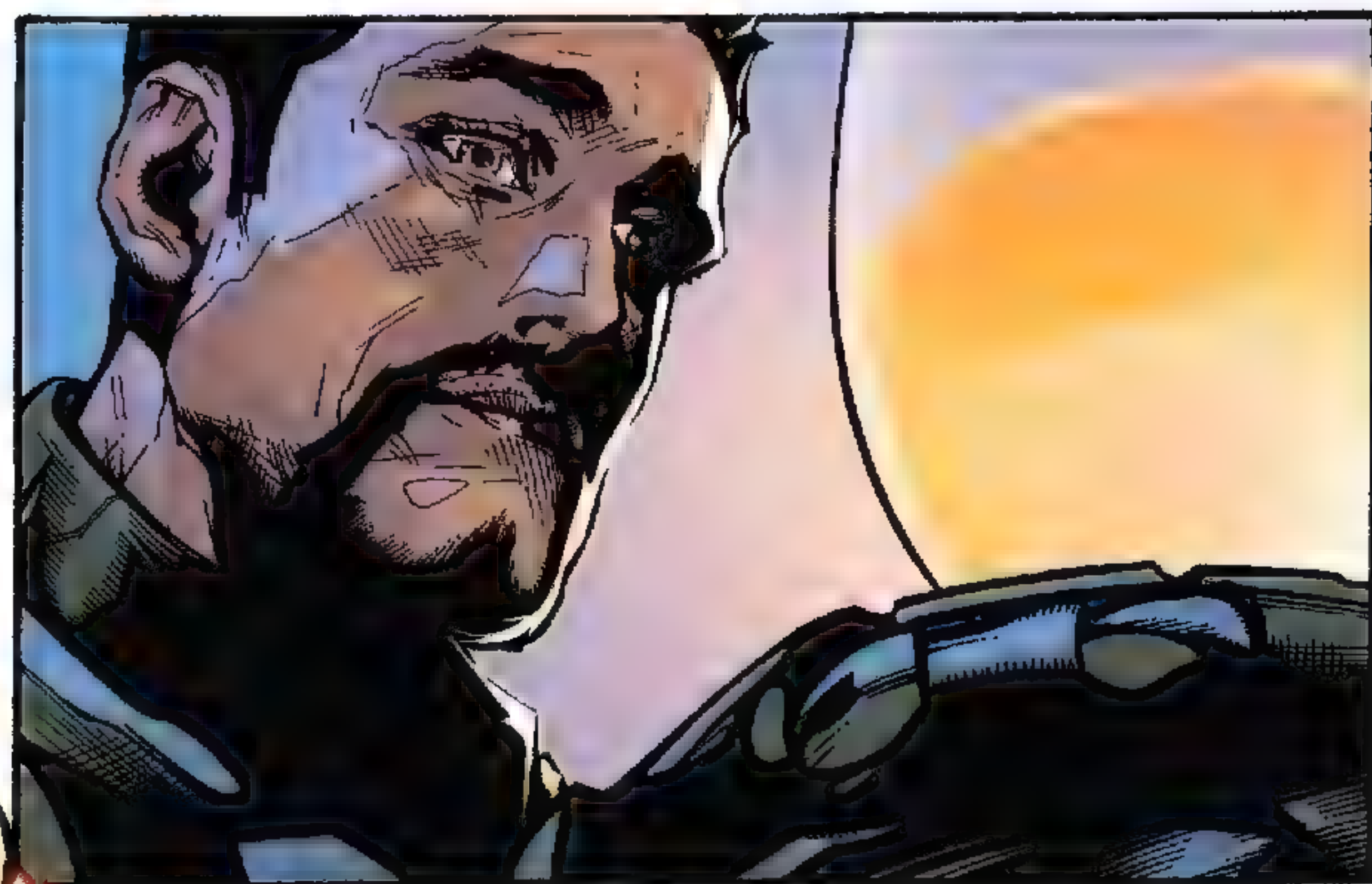
PEOPLE OF
SAN FRANCISCO,
I BRING YOU, AND
ONLY YOU, THIS
MIRACULOUS
GIFT.



COMPLETELY
OPTIONAL, NO ONE
HAS TO PARTICIPATE
IF THEY DON'T
WANT TO.

MIND YOU,
YOU'D BE
CRAZY.

BUT, HEY,
SOME PEOPLE
LIKE BEING
IMPERFECT.



MY FELLOW MUTANTS,
WE STAND TOGETHER,
A UNITED FAMILY, AFTER
HALTING YET **ANOTHER**
HUMAN ATTEMPT TO
ERADICATE OUR
SPECIES.

THE JEAN GREY SCHOOL FOR HIGHER LEARNING.

THANKS TO THE
BRAVERY OF AND BLOOD
SPILLED BY THE X-MEN
HERE WITH ME--
**WE HAVE
OVERCOME.**

WE HAVE
DEFEATED THE HUMAN
RED SKULL, THE MAN WHO
SO **GROTESQUELY**
DEFILED OUR DEAR
CHARLES XAVIER.

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID **YOU**
SAVED THE DAY AND
DEFEATED THE RED
SKULL, QUENTIN.

I **DID**,
IDIE.

LIAR.

WE'VE BEEN WARNED OF CAMPS LIKE
THE ONES WE ENCOUNTERED IN
GENOSHA.

WARNED THAT WE
MUTANTS WOULD BE
HERDED UP INTO SUCH
A GHETTO.

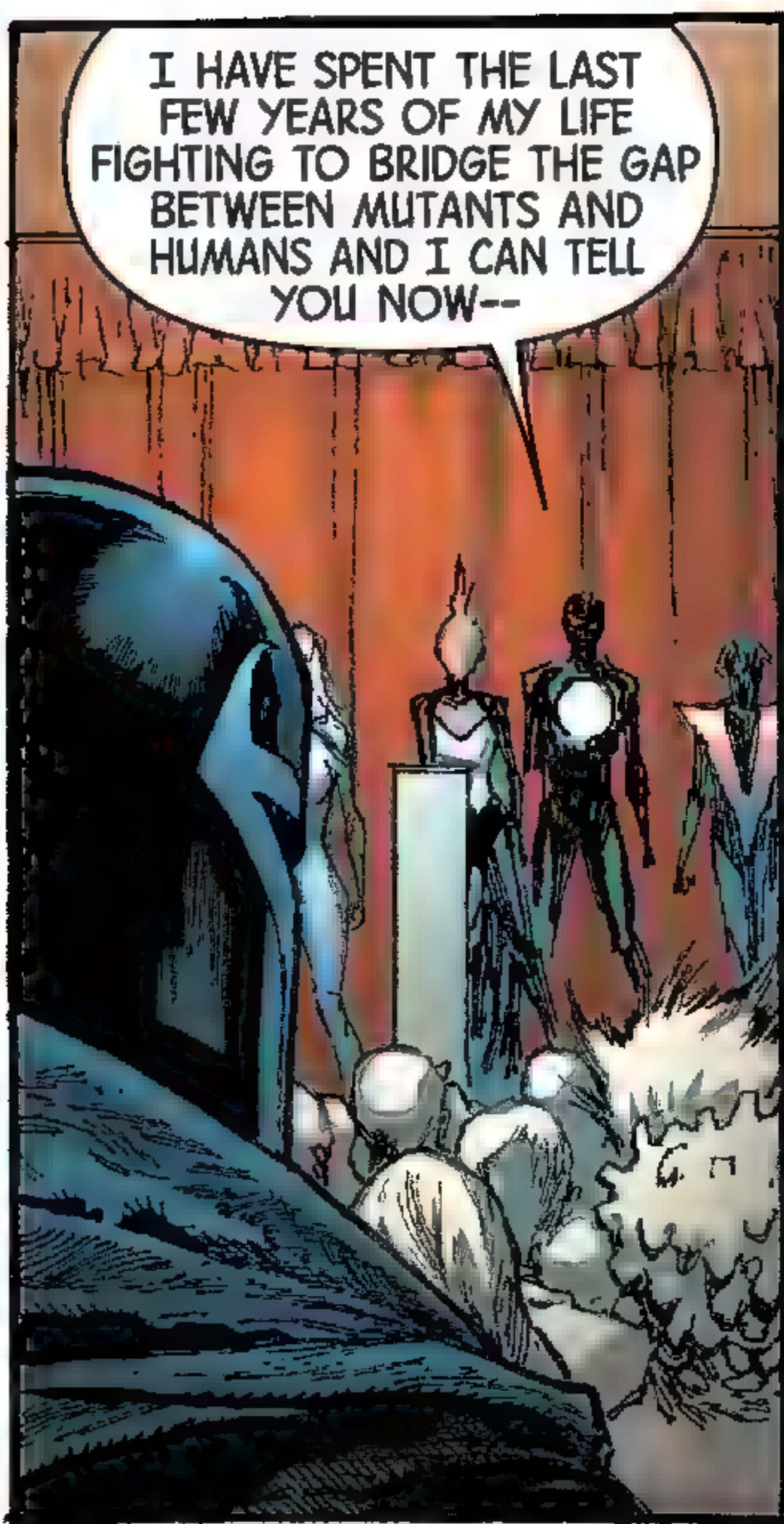
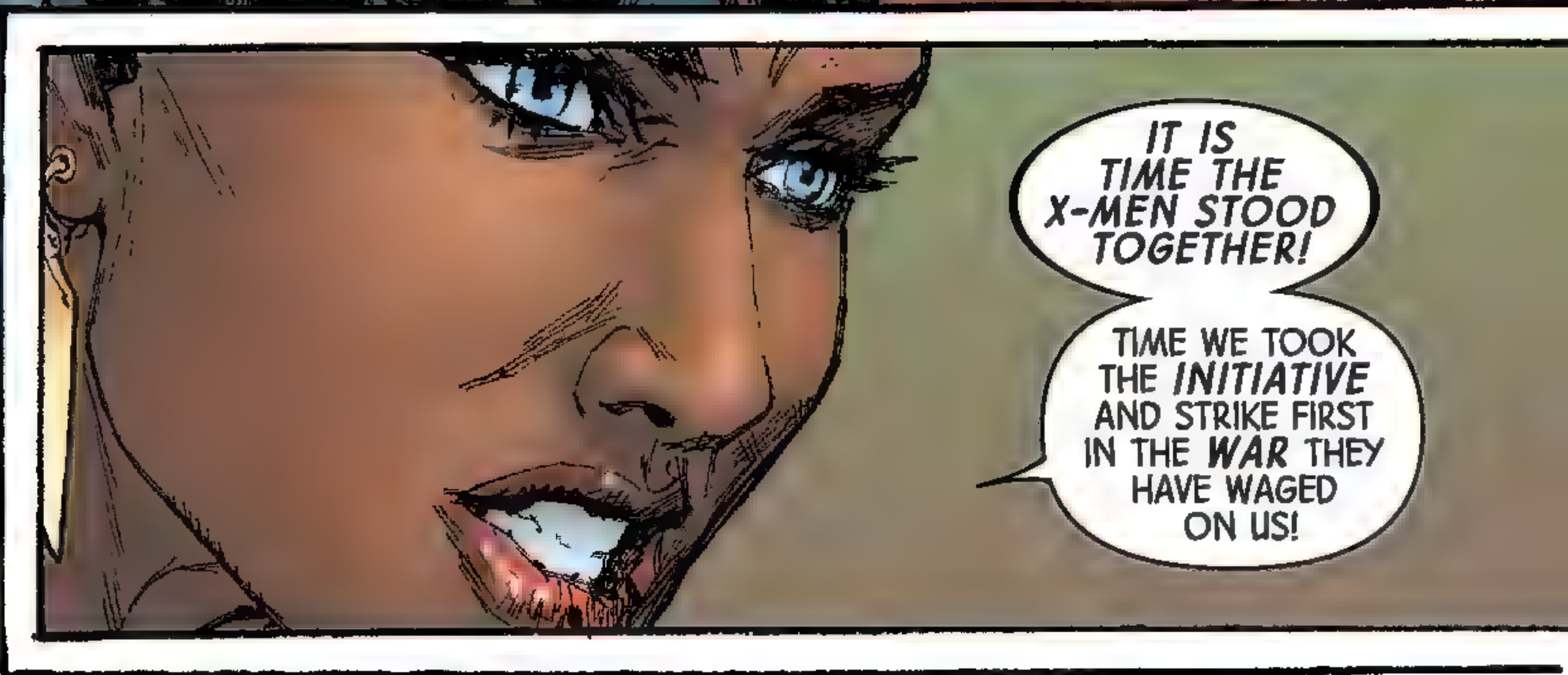
BUT WE HOPE
FOR A **BETTER** FUTURE,
WE FIGHT FOR COHABITATION
AGAINST ALL EVIDENCE
BEFORE US.

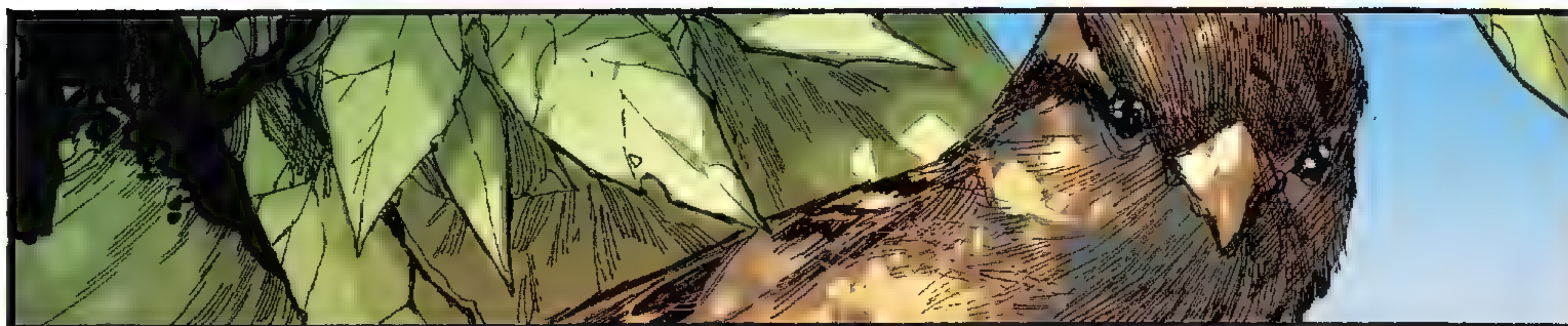
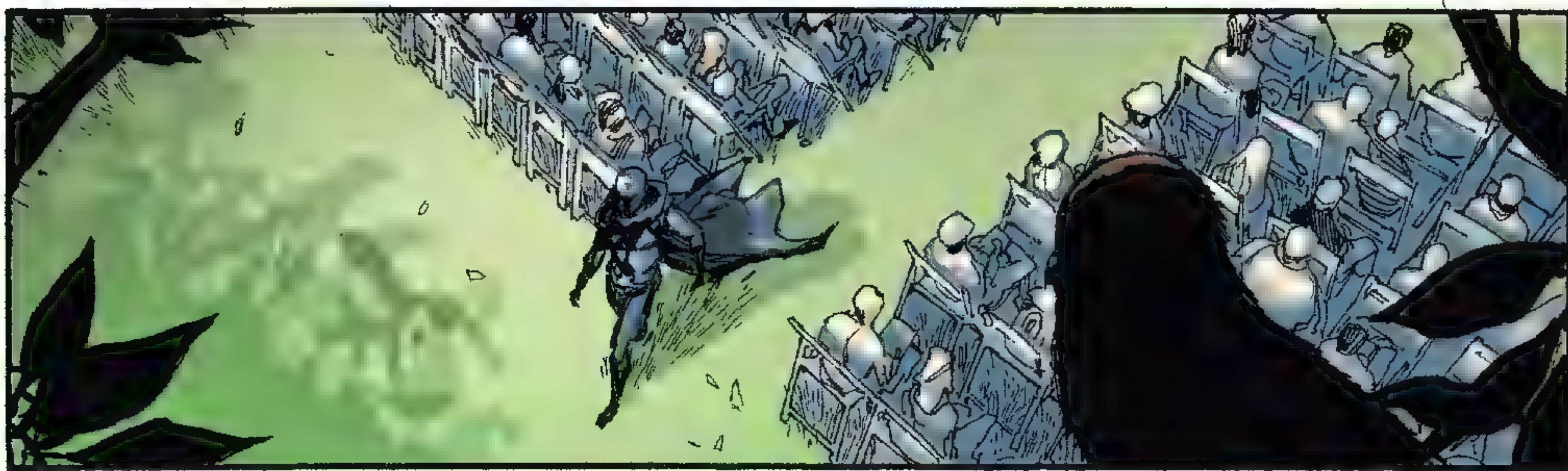
CHARLES XAVIER
IS **GONE**.

WOLVERINE
IS **DEAD**.

WE CAN
AFFORD THIS
INTERNAL STRIFE
NO LONGER.

OUR NUMBERS
DWINDLE, OUR
STRENGTH **DIMINISHED**,
AS WE SPLINTER INTO
WARRING FACTIONS OF
PETULANT CHILDREN.





"THE X-MEN
HAVE AMASSED
AN ARMY."



APOCALYPSE
HAS RISEN.

THEIR
FURY AT A
FERVOR.

WAR WILL
SOON BE
UPON US.



THEY'LL SOON REALIZE THEIR
FOLLY--THEY ARE GOING TO
COME FOR THE RED SKULL.

LET THEM
COME.

WE GAIN
NOTHING FROM
WAR WITH THE
X-MEN.

IT DOESN'T
SERVE MY
INTERESTS--I
KNOW THAT
MUCH.



NOR MINE. SOMETHING HAPPENED
ON GENOSHA--SOMETHING
WONDERFUL.

A FOG WAS LIFTED--
I'VE BEEN LIBERATED OF
THE TERRIBLE LIFELONG
AFFLICTION OF PUTTING
OTHERS' NEEDS AHEAD
OF MY OWN.

AND I'LL
WAGER THE REST OF
YOU FEEL IT AS WELL.



AYE! 'TIS A GREAT AWAKENING UPON US--
ONE I WILL FIGHT TO PRESERVE.

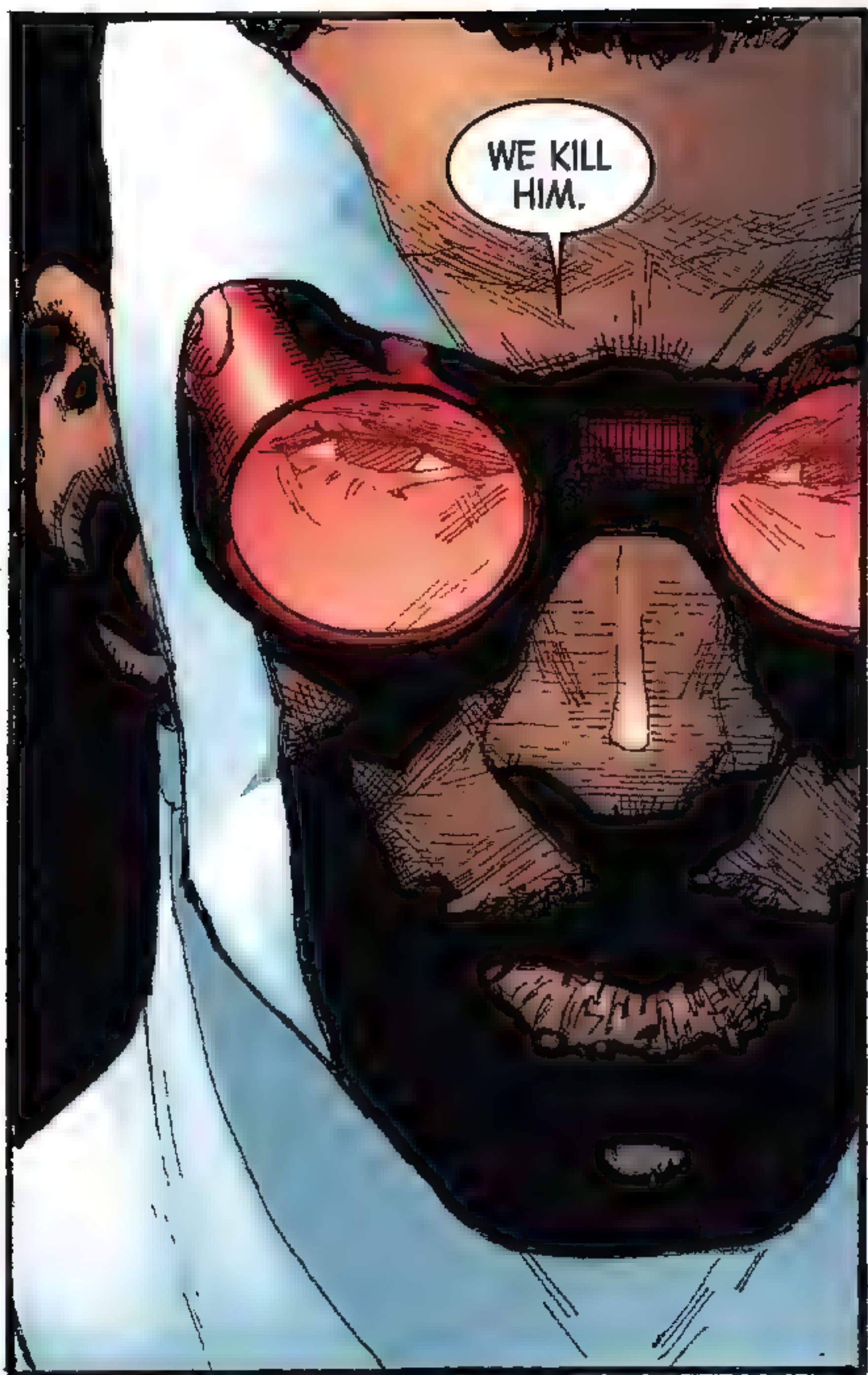
BETTER FOR MY FELLOW
INHUMANS THAT I REMAIN
UNENCUMBERED, FREE
TO DO WHAT **MUST**
BE DONE.

IF ANYONE
OBTAINS THE SKULL,
HE COULD BE USED
AGAINST US--
OUR LIBERATION
UNDONE.



SO, WE
HIDE RED
SKULL?

THERE'S AN
EASIER WAY
FORWARD,
HULK.



WE KILL HIM.



ONCE AND FOR ALL.

IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE HE CAN'T UNDO THINGS.



MORE THAN THAT--IF THERE IS SOME PART OF XAVIER STILL IN THERE, HE'D JOIN UP WITH THE FREAKS.

KILLING HIM IS THE BEST WAY TO GUARANTEE THEY CAN'T USE HIM AGAINST US.



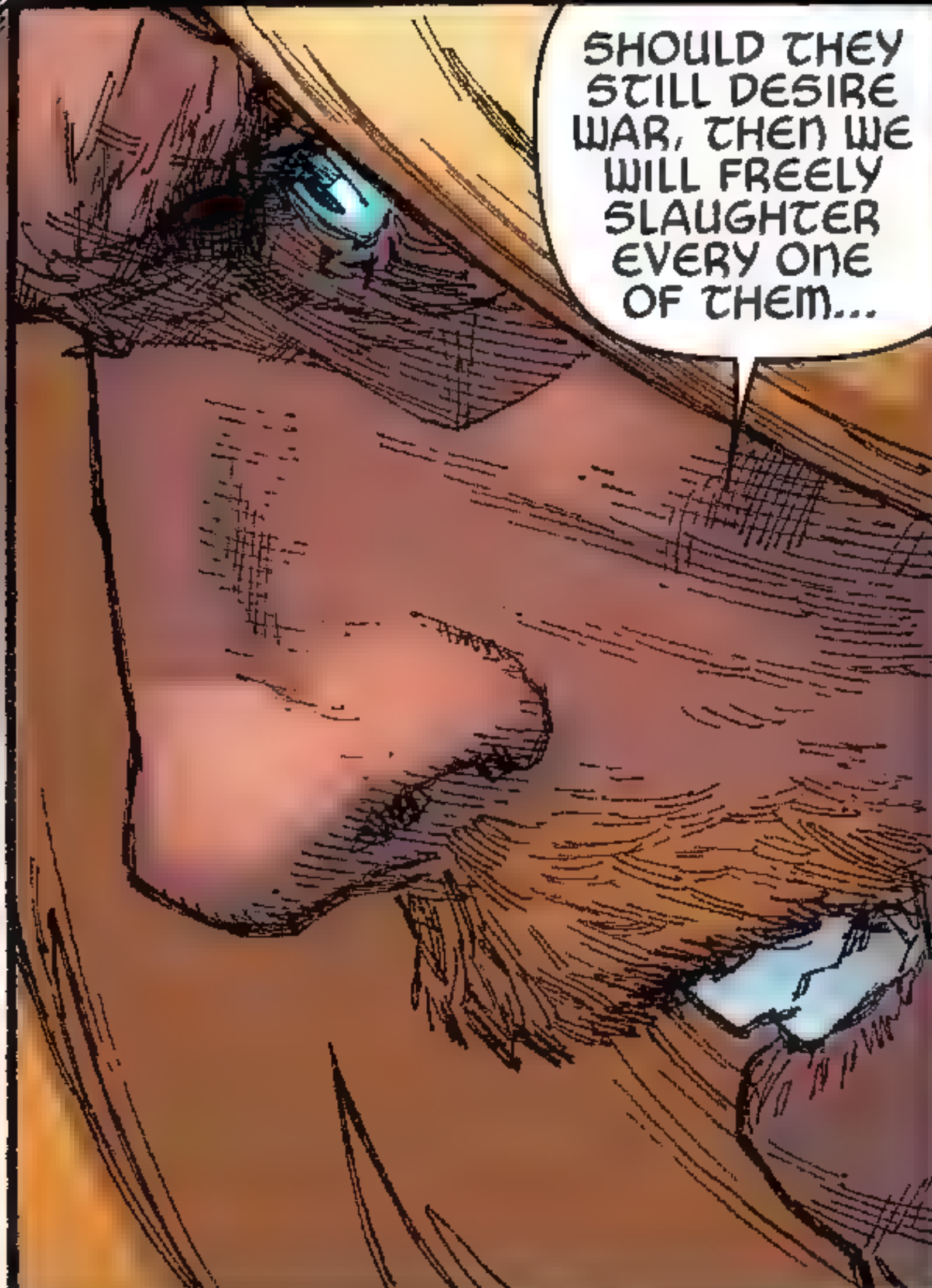
WE'LL PRESENT IT TO THE X-MEN AS AN OFFERING.

AN EXECUTION, FOR WHAT HE DID TO POOR XAVIER AND THE MUTANTS.



THEY WON'T BUY IT FOR A SECOND.

NO. BUT IT'LL BE TOO LATE. THEIR PRIZE GONE.



SHOULD THEY STILL DESIRE WAR, THEN WE WILL FREELY SLAUGHTER EVERY ONE OF THEM...

"...THEY WILL SEE
WHAT IT *TRULY*
MEANS TO BE
HUNTED."

THIS IS
MADNESS!

THIS CANNOT
ACTUALLY BE YOUR
SOLUTION!

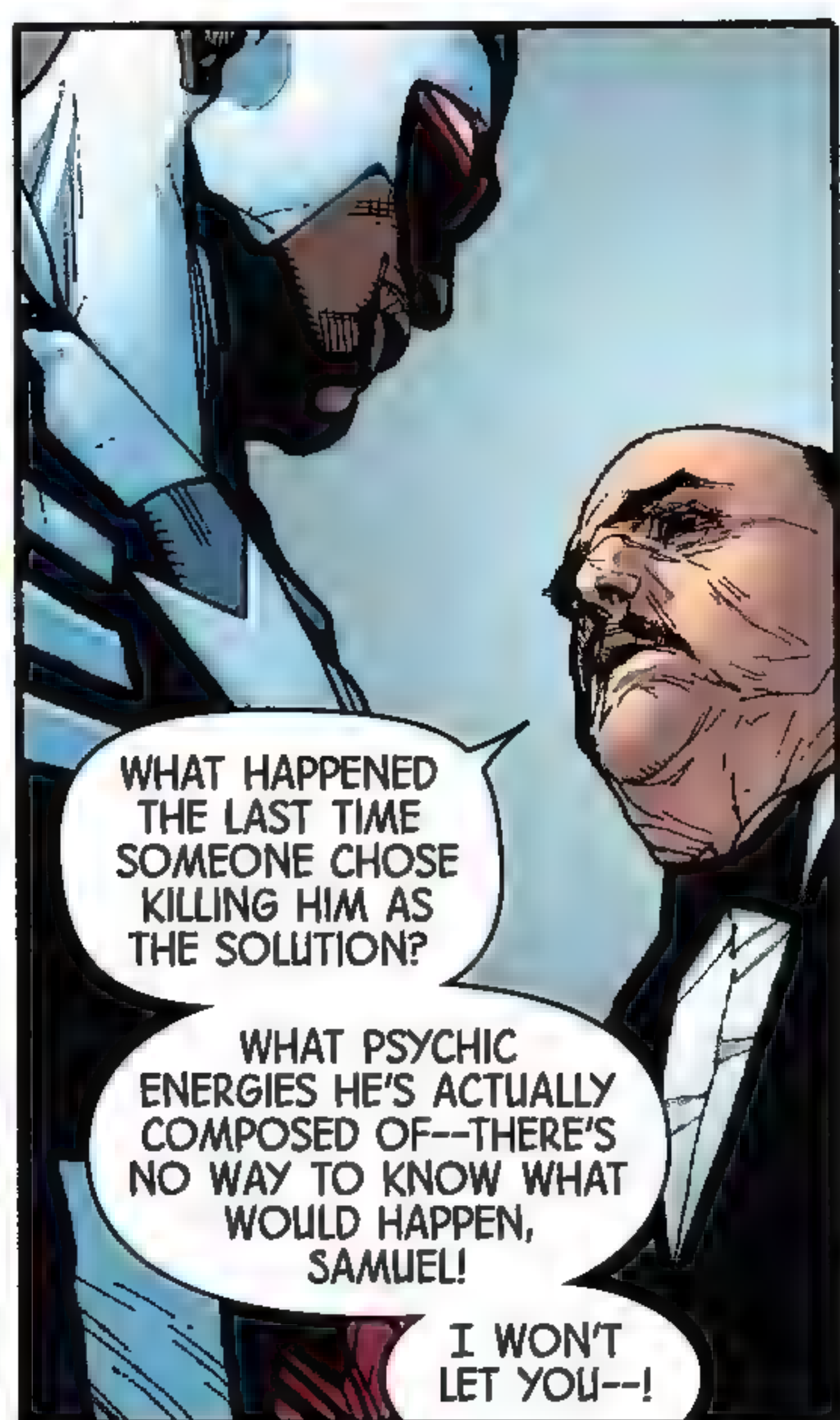
STEP ASIDE,
JARVIS.



EVIL ONLY
EVER BEGETS
MORE EVIL!

THE AVENGERS ARE
NOT EXECUTIONERS--
YOU ARE DEFENDERS
OF LIFE!

TELL ME, JARVIS,
WHAT IN THIS WORLD
COULD *WE* DO THAT
WOULD SAVE MORE LIVES
THAN KILLING THE
RED SKULL?



WHAT HAPPENED
THE LAST TIME
SOMEONE CHOSE
KILLING HIM AS
THE SOLUTION?

WHAT PSYCHIC
ENERGIES HE'S ACTUALLY
COMPOSED OF--THERE'S
NO WAY TO KNOW WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN,
SAMUEL!

I WON'T
LET YOU--!

WE DO NOT REQUIRE
YOUR BLESSING,
OLD MAN.



GHRAGH--!

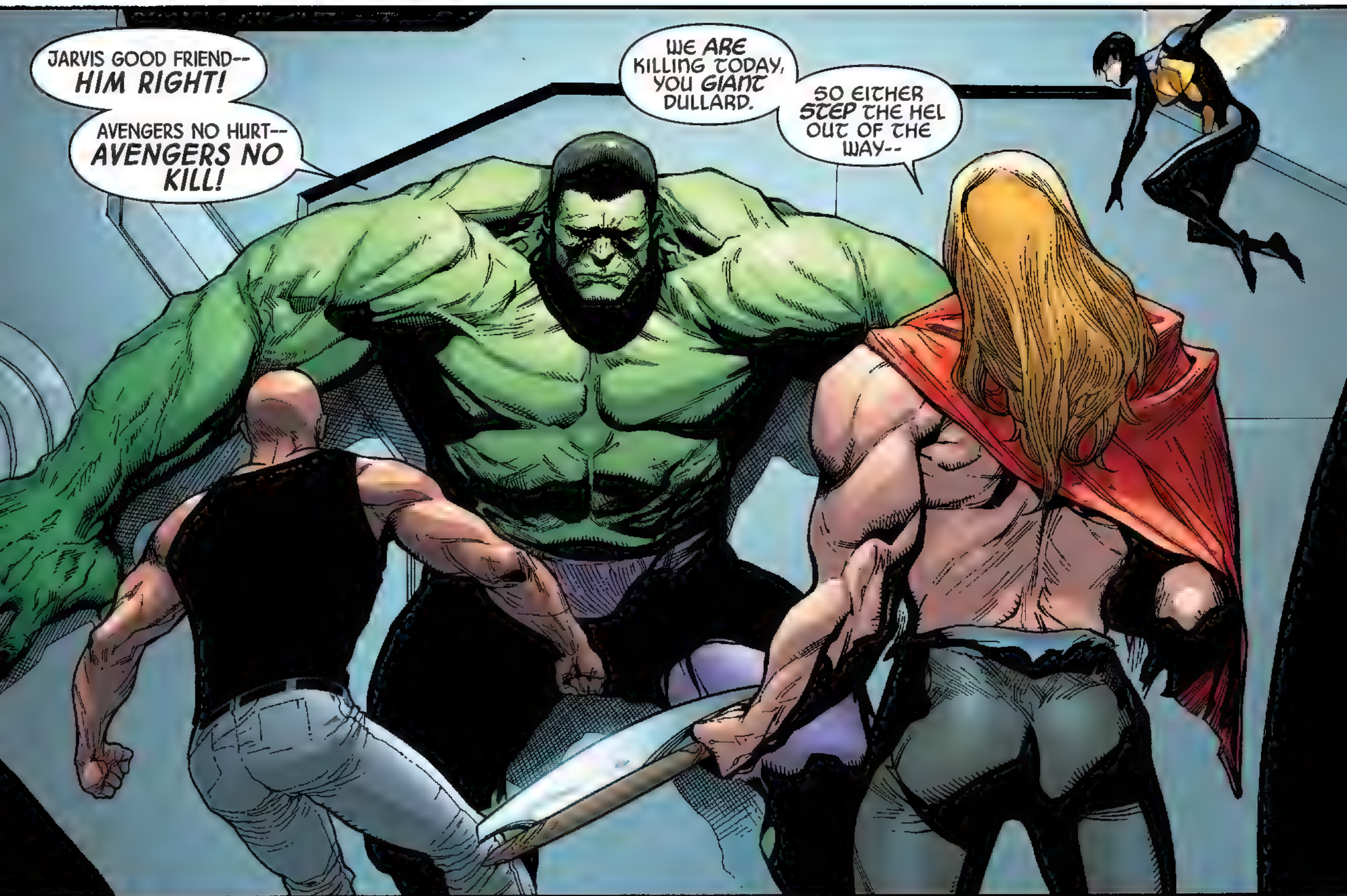


LET'S
GET IT OVER
WITH.

GOOD FRIEND
JARVIS, AM HURT?
AM OKAY?

THANK YOU,
HULK, BUT I
AM NOT.

PLEASE--YOU
MUST STOP
THEM.



JARVIS GOOD FRIEND--
HIM RIGHT!

AVENGERS NO HURT--
AVENGERS NO KILL!

WE ARE
KILLING TODAY,
YOU **GIANT DULLARD.**

SO EITHER
STEP THE HEL
OUT OF THE
WAY--



--OR WE'LL
MOVE YOU
OUT OF THE
WAY!

BOOM



NOW JUST
STAY DOWN,
DUMMY.

OR PERHAPS
THERE WILL BE
TWO BODIES
IN NEED OF
BURIAL.



FRIENDS WOULD
NOT DO THAT TO
HULK.

WOULD
NOT HIT
HULK.
MAKES HULK
SAD...



YOU
WOULDN'T LIKE
WHEN HULK IS
SAD--

THAT'S WHEN
KLUH
COMES OUT!

HULK--?

PUNY HULK IS
GONE, SWEETS. I'M
THE REAL DEAL. AIN'T
BORN OF BANNER'S
WEAK RAGE--

AR

--I'M
THE HULK'S
HULK!

I'VE BEEN WATCHIN'
YOU PEOPLE, LISTENIN'
TO YER GARBAGE
FER YEARS.

OL'
JARVIS WAS
WRONG.

PROBLEM AIN'T
THAT YOU'RE BEING
SELFISH AND
ROTTEN--

--YOU
JUST AIN'T
HALF ROTTEN
ENOUGH!

CHAAAAAOM



WITCH--
HIT HIM
HARD!

WHATEVER
THIS HULK WITHIN
THE HULK IS--
**I WANT IT
DEAD!**

**YEAH! NOW
THAT'S THE STUFF
WHAT I'M LOOKIN'
FOR, LI'L PATRIOT! THE
PARTY TIMES!**

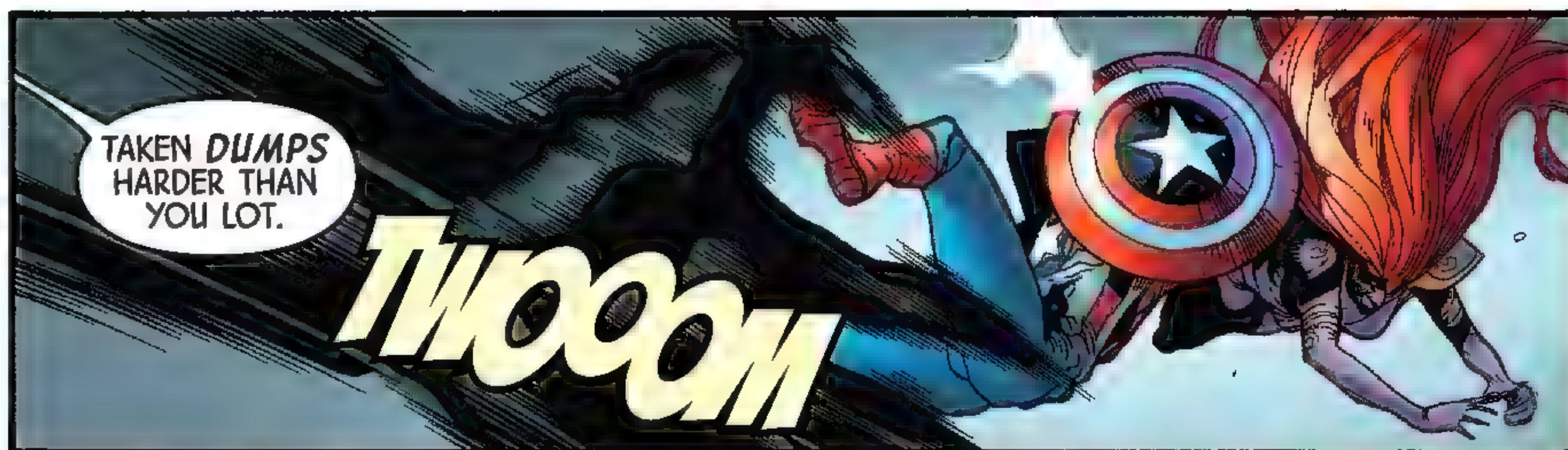
**C'MON--
SHOW ME
SOMETHIN',
SWEETHEART!**

A PORTAL TO
THE WELL SOURCE
OF ALL **CHAOS**
WILL REND THE FETID
FLESH FROM YOUR--



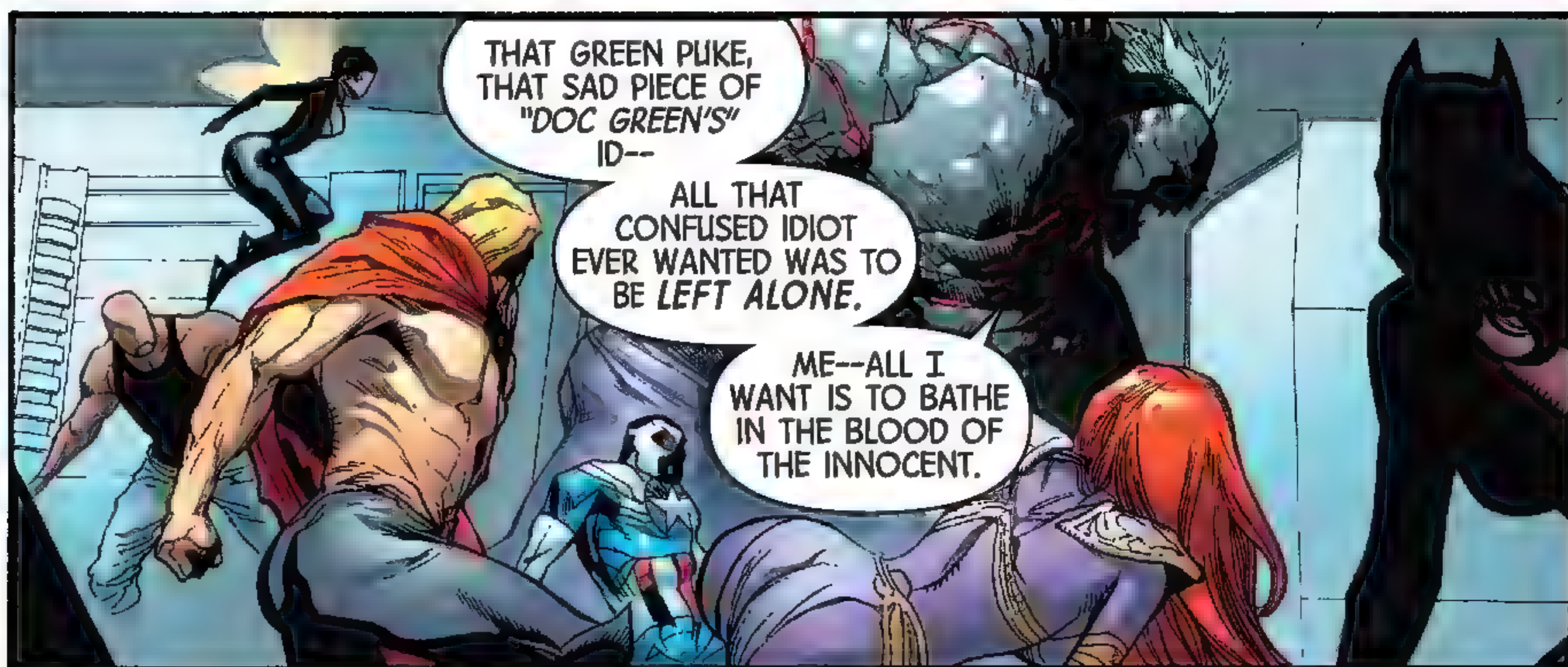
**TRY
HARDER!**

AGH--!



TAKEN DUMPS
HARDER THAN
YOU LOT.

TWOOM



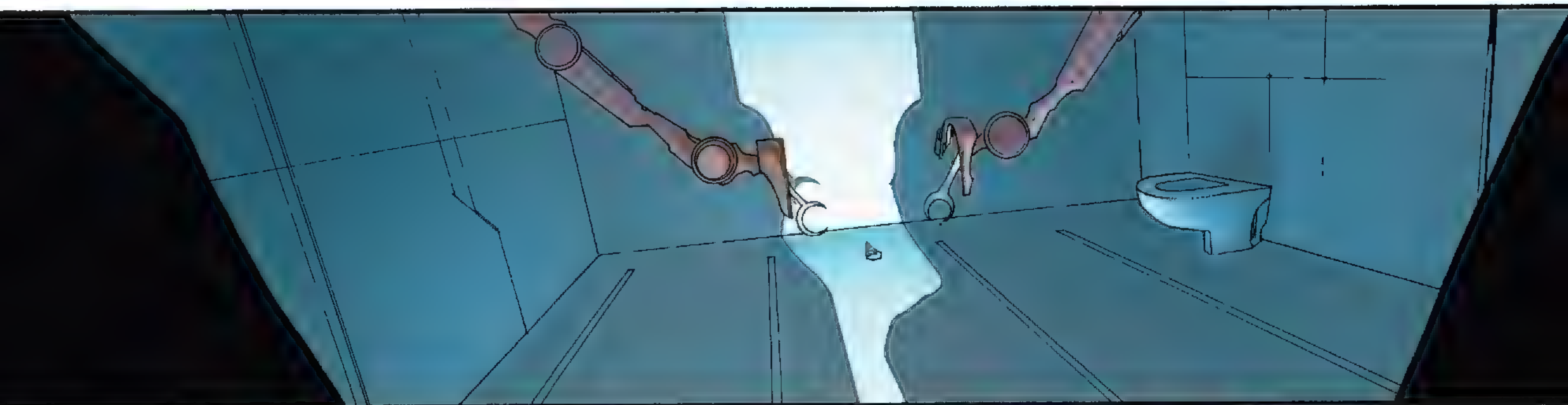
THAT GREEN PUKE,
THAT SAD PIECE OF
"DOC GREEN'S"
ID--

ALL THAT
CONFUSED IDIOT
EVER WANTED WAS TO
BE LEFT ALONE.

ME--ALL I
WANT IS TO BATHE
IN THE BLOOD OF
THE INNOCENT.



**KLUH GONNA
RUT AND ROLL
IN SOME SWEET
DESTRUCTION!**



AXIS

BECAUSE ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER, MAKE
SURE TO CATCH EVERY TWIST OF
AVENGERS & X-MEN: AXIS

AXIS: REVOLUTIONS #2



Heroes gone bad!
Villains gone good!

AXIS: HOBGOBLIN #2



Hobgoblin vs. Hobgoblin?!

AXIS: CARNAGE #2



Being a hero ain't easy, especially
when you're a complete
psychopath like Carnage!

DEADPOOL #37



Deadpool has sworn off violence!
How will that help him take on the
evil X-Men?

ALL-NEW X-FACTOR #16



X-Factor saves the world from
nuclear war and from a
Sentinel Attack – or do they?!

MAGNETO #12



Magneto and Xavier:
Two sides of the same coin?

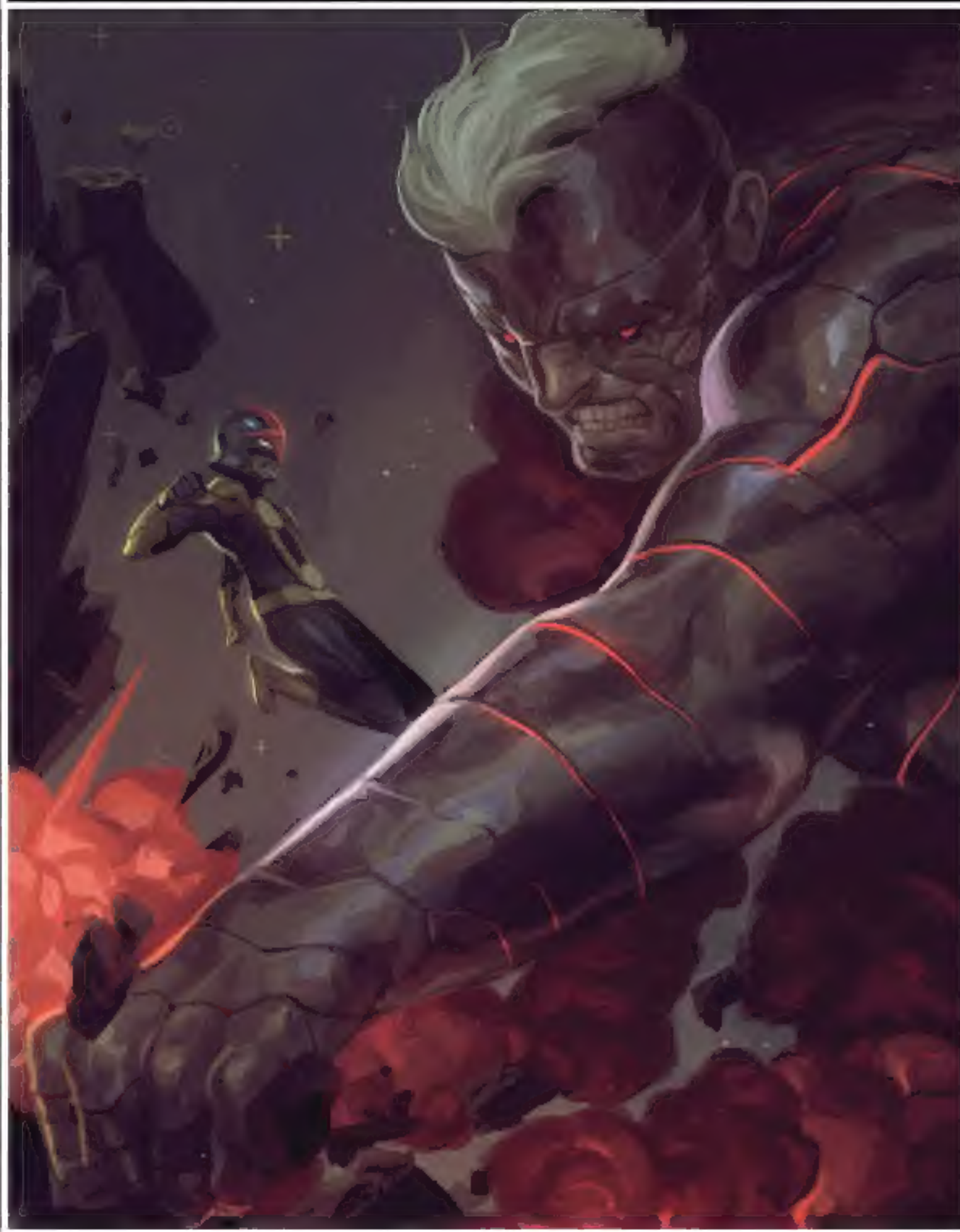
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